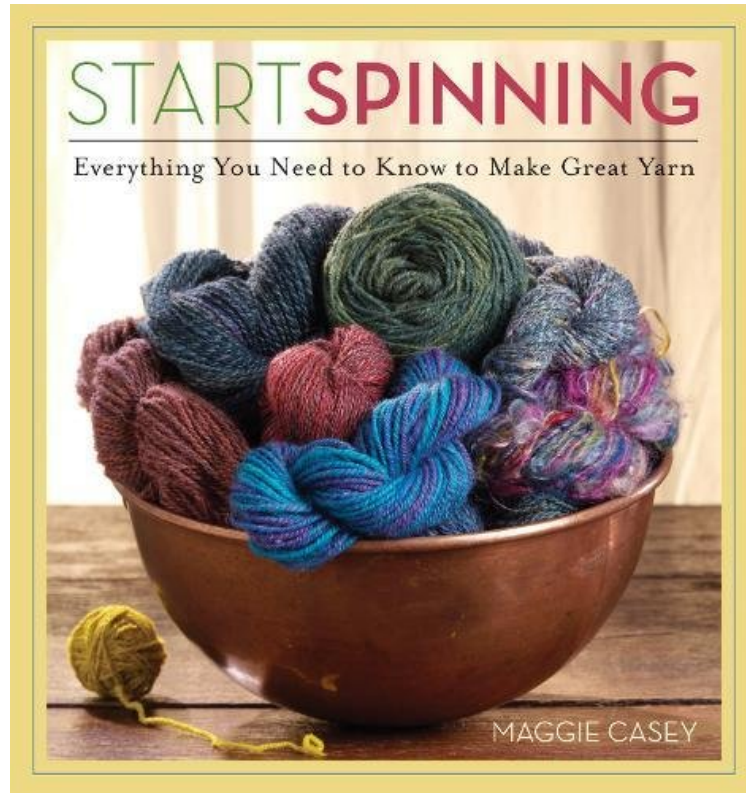


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Maggie Casey : Start Spinning: Everything You Need to Know to Make Great Yarn before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Start Spinning: Everything You Need to Know to Make Great Yarn:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Beginning Spinning Reference. By Graehound This is an excellent reference for beginning spinners that covers the basics concisely and thoroughly without being overwhelming, proof that Casey is truly a well-versed teacher who practices what she preaches. If you've shied away from spinning before, this is a streamlined, simple, and engaging book to get you started confidently. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. All the topics, not much depth. By Karen The book is good, but could be fantastic. The topics are all there, from working with a raw fleece to knitting with your self-spun yarn and wheel maintenance. Unfortunately, the breadth of topics are only covered superficially, as the book is just over 100 pages. I wish the author had chosen fewer topics, or made a thicker book. What is there is, however, excellent! Great pictures, good descriptions, and I learned a lot. Even though there is room for improvement, it is one of the best books on the market. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Helpful... But important correction. By Chloe I bought this book to help me get started spinning and I found it to be very helpful. It has all the information you need to learn to spin your own yarn, whether on a spindle or a spinning wheel. I am self-teaching and while I would prefer to take a class, this book was a helpful and economical alternative. I was particularly happy about the Appendix with

information on prepping fleece (both washing and the various methods of readying the washed fleece), since I'd been having trouble figuring out what I needed to do. No information on dyeing, but that's understandable because that takes a whole other book. However, one important correction should be made. On page 74, when describing how to measure yards per pound, the author states that you should weigh your yarn in ounces, then multiply by 16 to get to pounds. You should be dividing by 16 to convert to pounds! I would think it would be pretty obvious that if you have 32 ounces you have 2 pounds, not 512, but I thought that should be pointed out.

For knitters, crocheters, and weavers ready to make their own yarn, this handy guide provides detailed instructions for spinning both on a spindle and a wheel, and offers a special section devoted to troubleshooting and wheel maintenance that keeps projects on track. It offers a comprehensive look at the various available fiber options, choosing and preparing each type of fiber for use, and crafting these materials into ready-to-work pieces. A final chapter on the various uses of spun yarn focuses on project planning, with definitions and context for measuring wraps per inch, determining yards for specific projects, and choosing a yarn size.

"The techniques are shown clearly, which makes this the best of all publications in this review for communicating spinning technique... Maggie Casey has more 'troubleshooting' help... and I think this is very important for new spinners struggling to resolve problems." - Dorothy Lumb, YarnMarket "Well, hallelujah! A wonderful, inspiring new introductory overview of spinning. This is a FANTASTIC book." - Deb Robson, former editor, Spin-Off magazine "[An] excellent introduction to the craft... highly recommended for public libraries." - Library Journal "The brilliant thing about this book are Maggie's hands. They are everywhere. On nearly every page is a close-up photo of Maggie demonstrating every aspect of spinning." - knitty.com "This book is one of the best beginner books on spinning I have ever read... even the experienced spinner will learn quite a lot by reading it." - Spindle and Wheel online magazine "This is the sort of instruction book I wish was available when I struggled to teach myself how to spin... the next best thing to taking private spinning lessons." - Monsters and Critics.com "5 out of 5 stars. This is an excellent book for anyone who is thinking about learning to spin or who already has a spindle or wheel." - Knitting News